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SUBJECT: U.S. CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTORSHIP OF CCIR

REFS: A) SEOUL 3847; B) SEOUL 4298; C) STATE 145299

1. EMBASSY CONTACTED MOFA AND PASSED ON INFORMATION CONTAINED REF C.
2. MOFA OFFICIALS, AFTER CONSIDERATION, ADOPTED ALTERNATE PROCEDURE TO PROXY VOTE. ROKG HAS NOMINATED SECOND SECRETARY OF KOREAN MISSION TO GENEVA, LEE CHOO YOUNG, AS A DELEGATE TO CCIR PLENARY ASSEMBLY. LEE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT THE U.S. DELEGATION AND TO SUPPORT THE CANDIDATURE OF THE U.S. NOMINEE FOR DIRECTORSHIP OF CCIR.
3. REF A REPORTED THAT ROKG WOULD SEND DELEGATION TO SUBJECT ASSEMBLY. LAST MINUTE DECISION NOT TO SEND WORKING DELEGATION ORIGINATED FROM RESPONSIBLE SECTION IN MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (MOC).
4. MOFA, THOUGH WANTING TO SUPPORT U.S. CANDIDATE, IS CLEARLY CONCERNED WITH APPEARANCES. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, MOFA OFFICIAL (CHANG MAN SOON) INDICATED IT WAS FELT PROXY PROCEDURE COULD BE SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSING TO ROKG. (EMBASSY COMMENT: CHANG DID NOT SPELL IT OUT BUT WAS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED ROKG WOULD LAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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